



Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

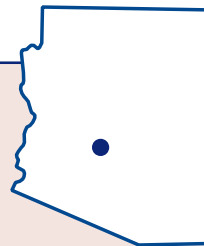
Cave Creek, AZ

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The Town of Cave Creek was selected to receive an assessment grant. The town has several large abandoned mine sites within its boundaries that present a devastated landscape abutting preserved pristine Sonoran desert lands. A 38-acre gold mine that operated from 1880 to 1985 is the largest of the known brownfields within town boundaries. Approximately 4,000 people live in Cave Creek, which has four Habitat for Humanity low-income dwellings. The town's poverty and unemployment rates are similar to those of nearby Phoenix. Assessment and cleanup of mine sites will preserve undisturbed land and open the way to constructing horseback and mountain bike trails, the Cave Creek Museum, offices for the county parks and recreation division, and a water storage tank.



Assessment Grant

**New
2003**

\$165,600 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Cave Creek for a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct assessment activities on mine-scarred land, and the town has identified a large mine site that may be assessed through this grant. Grant funds also will be used to continue to inventory brownfields sites in the town, conduct reuse planning, and involve the community in reuse decisions.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/brown/>

Grant Recipient: Town of Cave Creek, AZ
480-488-6626

Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the Town of Cave Creek has not received brownfields grant funding.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

Several local community groups will continue to participate in the assessment, cleanup, and reuse planning of the town's brownfields.